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SUBJECT:AZORES INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT DEMONSTRATES  
IN WASHINGTON.

1. THE COMMITTEE FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE ARCHIPELAGO  
OF THE AZORES BUSED APPROXIMATELY 350 DEMONSTRATORS  
TO WASHINGTON JULY 10 TO MARCH IN SUPPORT OF AZORES  
INDEPENDENCE. THE GROUP'S ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION IN  
FRONT OF THE DEPARTMENT BETWEEN 4 AND 5 P.M. WAS REplete  
WITH AN AZOREAN FLAG, NUMEROUS SIGNS, SPEECHES, PAMPHLETS  
AND A LOUDSPEAKER BLARING JOHN PHILIP SOUSA MARCHES.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS DECLINED TO MEET WITH GROUP, BUT THE  
BUILDING GUARD DID ACCEPT A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY

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INTERALIA:

-- DECLARED THAT THE "PROVISIONAL CLANDESTINE GOVERNMENT OF THE AZORES" IS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AZOREAN PEOPLE.

-- SAID THAT THE AZOREAN PEOPLE "HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO A HUMILIATING AND DEGRADING SLAVERY WITHOUT THE LEAST RESPECT FOR THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN, WITH TOTAL AND DELIBERATE DISREGARD FOR THE CHARTER OF

THE UNITED NATIONS, AND A SHOCKING NEGLECT OF THE UNIVERSAL CONSENSUS OF A DEMOCRATIC ORDER."

-- EXPRESSED THE COMMITTEE'S DETERMINATION TO BRING AN INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM TO THE AZOREAN PEOPLE.

-- ASKED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZE THE PROVISIONAL CLANDESTINE GOVERNMENT AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE AZORES.

-- TERMED THE ROUTE TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE TO BE IRREVERSIBLE AND SAID THAT IT REGARDS "FROM THIS MOMENT ON, ANY AND ALL LEASING CONTRACTS OF THE BASES BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND LISBON TO BE TOTALLY INVALID."

2. SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS WERE STAGED AT THE FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE EMBASSIES AND AT THE U.S. CAPITOL.

3. WE DO NOT PLAN TO REPLY TO THE COMMITTEE'S LETTER. OUR POLICY REGARDING THE AZORES INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT AND THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE AZORES ISLANDS IS ONE OF STRICT NEUTRALITY. INGERSOLL

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